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SORRY, SONIC. I JUST WANT US PREPARED IF THINGS GET OUT OF HAND LIKE LAST TIME.*
*STH #221.
I'M GLAD SO MANY OF YOU COULD SHOW UP FOR OUR SURPRISE PERFORMANCE! WE JUST WANTED TO THANK YOU ALL AGAIN FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT, AND TO LIGHTEN THE MOOD FOR THE CITY.
HOW CAN WE LIGHTEN THE MOOD WHEN A COMPUTER COULD TURN THE CITY AGAINST US ANY SECOND?
THE FORGET-ME-KNOTS WOKE US UP!
IT'S TIME TO ACT!
HEY!
YOU CAN'T JUST--!
YOU'VE DONE YOUR PART. STEP BACK.
GEOFFREY!

CHAOS AND THE CROWN
PART ONE: THE RIGHT TO RULE

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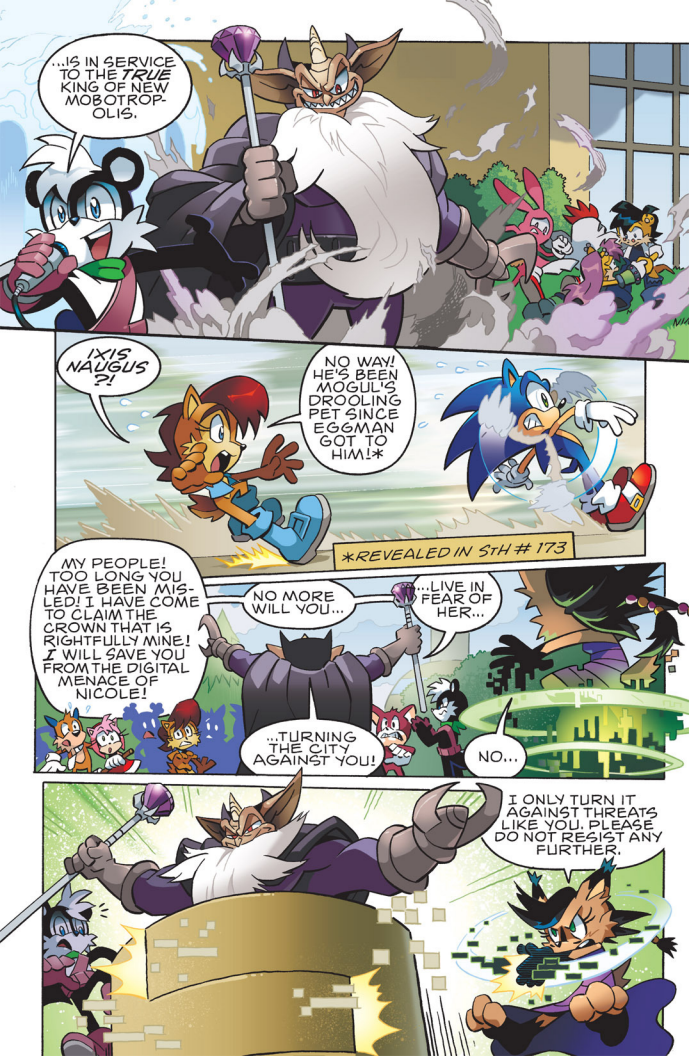
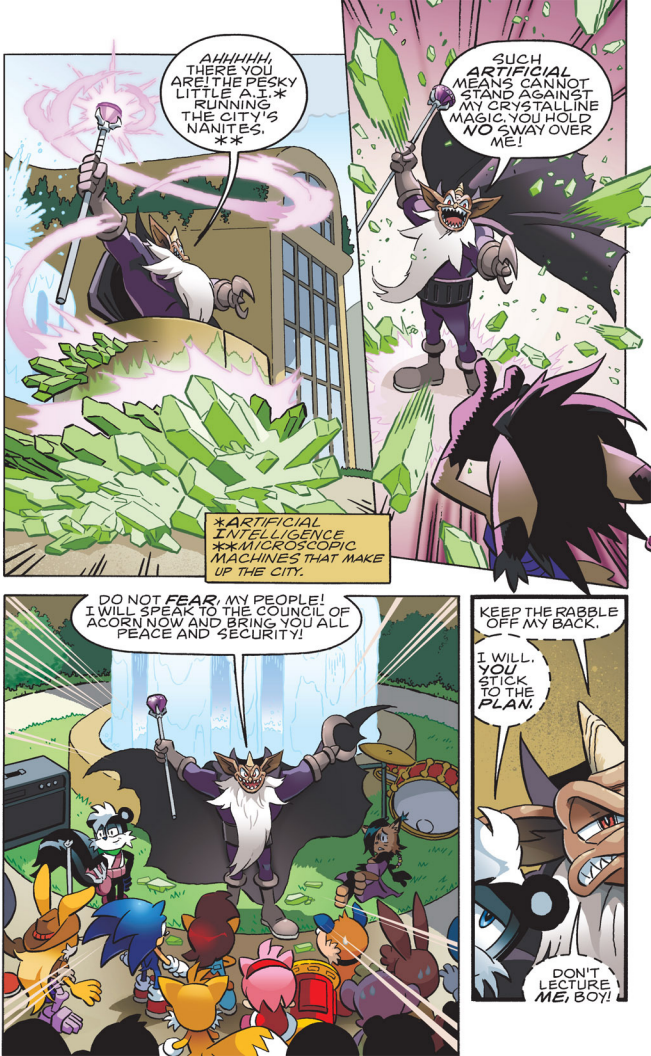
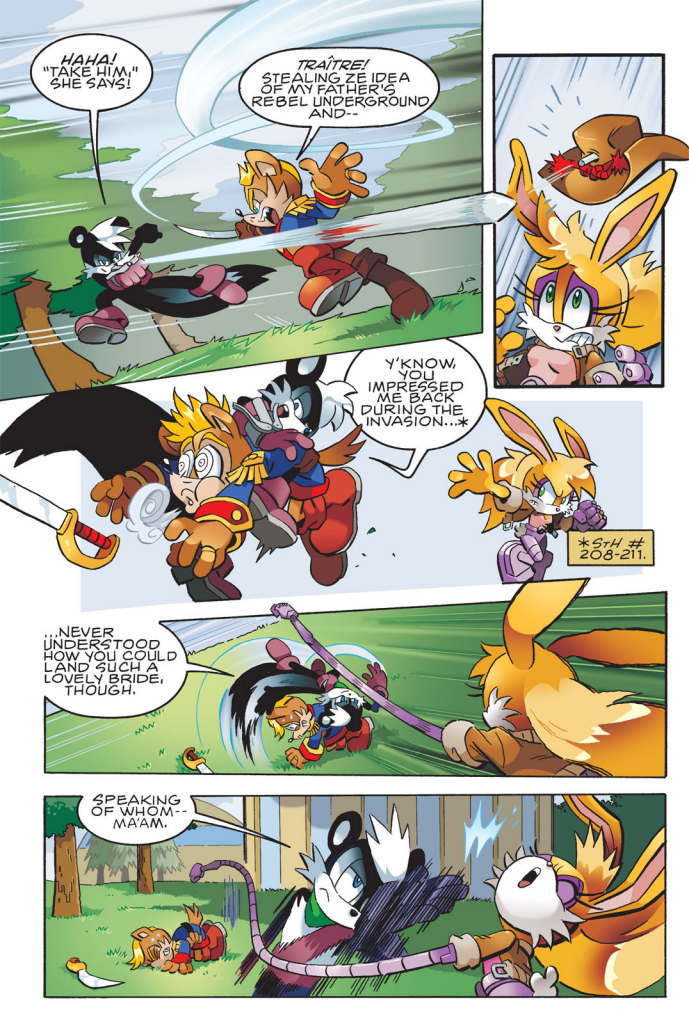

...IS IN SERVICE TO THE TRUE KING OF NEW MOBOTROPOLIS.
IXIS NAUGUS?!
NO WAY! HE'S BEEN MOGUL'S DROOLING PET SINCE EGGMAN GOT TO HIM!*
*REVEALED IN STH # 173
MY PEOPLE! TOO LONG YOU HAVE BEEN MISLED! I HAVE COME TO CLAIM THE CROWN THAT IS RIGHTFULLY MINE! I WILL SAVE YOU FROM THE DIGITAL MENACE OF NICOLE!
NO MORE WILL YOU...
...LIVE IN FEAR OF HER...
...TURNING THE CITY AGAINST YOU!
NO...
I ONLY TURN IT AGAINST THREATS LIKE YOU. PLEASE DO NOT RESIST ANY FURTHER.

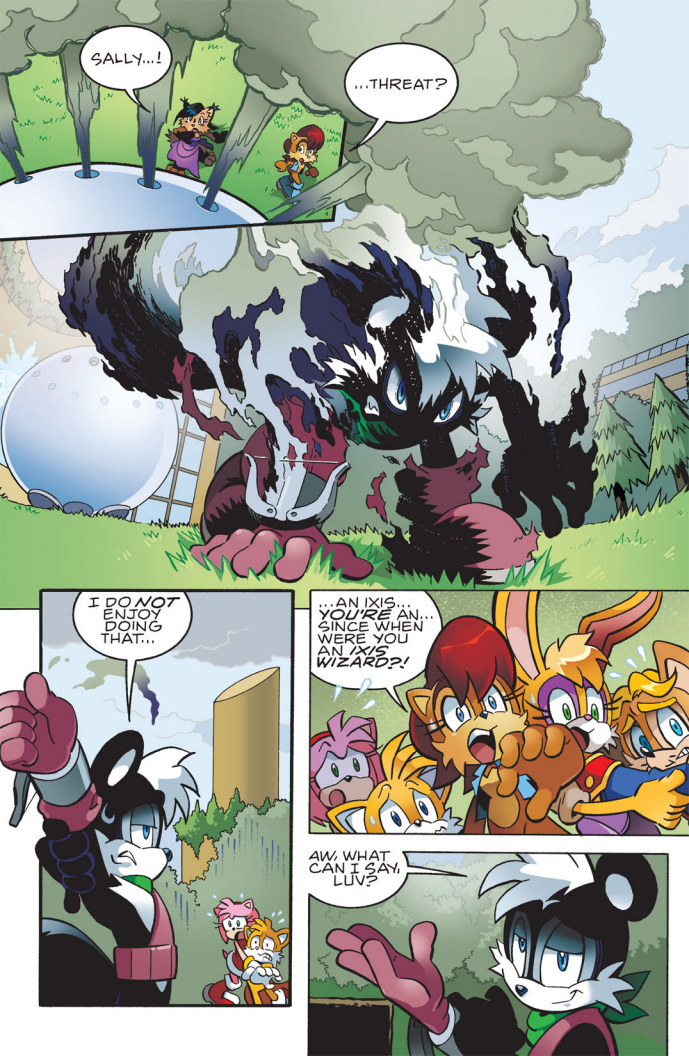

AHHHHH, THERE YOU ARE! THE PESKY LITTLE A.I.* RUNNING THE CITY'S NANITES, **
SUCH ARTIFICIAL MEANS CANNOT STAND AGAINST MY CRYSTALLINE MAGIC. YOU HOLD NO SWAY OVER ME!
*ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE **MICROSCOPIC MACHINES THAT MAKE UP THE CITY.
DO NOT FEAR, MY PEOPLE! I WILL SPEAK TO THE COUNCIL OF ACORN NOW AND BRING YOU ALL PEACE AND SECURITY!
KEEP THE RABBLE OFF MY BACK.
I WILL. YOU STICK TO THE PLAN.
DON'T LECTURE ME, BOY!

SONIC! BRING DOWN NAUGUS BEFORE HE GETS TO THE COUNCIL!
MUSIC AND A SHOW! YOU DO KNOW HOW TO PLAN A--
--DATE? HEY!
OH, RIGHT. MASTER OF THE ELEMENTS.
DID YOU FORGET SO EASILY, QUICKSTER?
MAYBE. WANNA BET I'M FASTER THAN I YOU CAN CHANGE--
YOW!

THE ROYAL GUARD WILL HANDLE ST. JOHN, FREEDOM FIGHTERS!
WE'RE BACKING UP SONIC!
OH, REALLY?
AS COMMANDER OF THE SECRET SERVICE, I AM COMMANDING YOU TO STAND DOWN!
HE'S A TRAITOR! ARREST HIM!
I'M ACTING ON KING'S ORDERS. TOP SECRET BUSINESS, AS USUAL. STAND DOWN!
AS CROWN PRINCESS--!
KING TRUMPS PRINCESS. SORRY.
ELIAS DIDN'T AUTHORIZE THIS!
WHO SAID ANYTHING ABOUT ELIAS?
FACE IT, LUV, YOUR CLUBHOUSE GANG WILL HAVE TO GET ITS HANDS DIRTY IF YOU WANT TO GET PAST ME.
GLADLY. TAKE HIM.


HAHA! "TAKE HIM," SHE SAYS!
TRAÎTRE! STEALING ZE IDEA OF MY FATHER'S REBEL UNDERGROUND AND--
Y'KNOW, YOU IMPRESSED ME BACK DURING THE INVASION...*
*STH # 208-211.
...NEVER UNDERSTOOD HOW YOU COULD LAND SUCH A LOVELY BRIDE, THOUGH.
SPEAKING OF WHOM-- MA'AM.

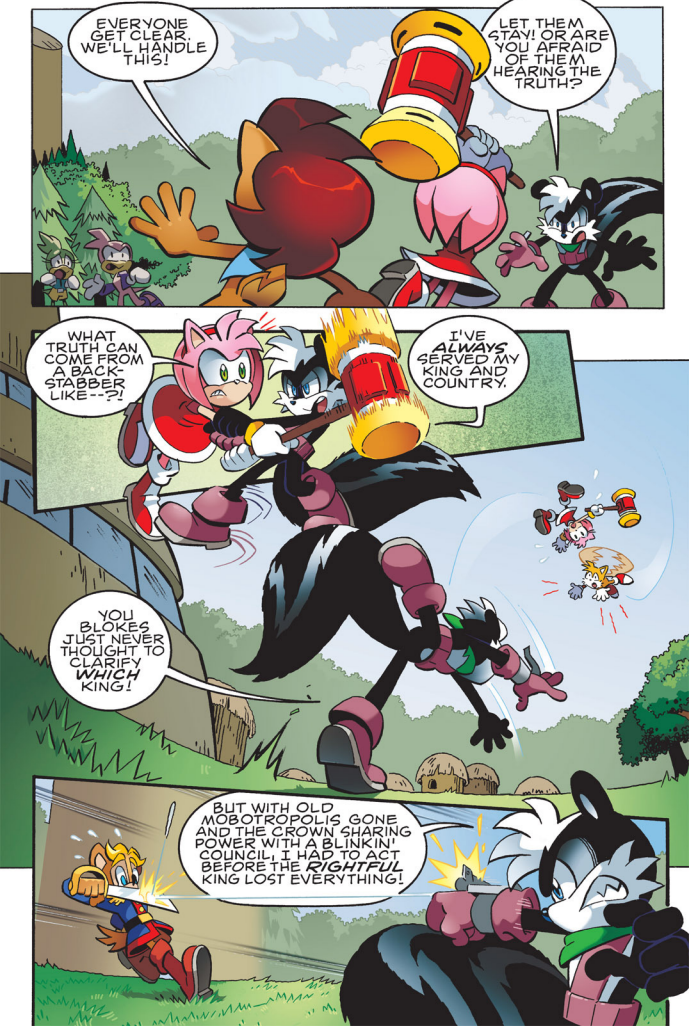
AND NOW THE JUNIOR LEAGUE COMES IN WITH THE PREDICTABLE PINCER MOVE...
...WHICH PUTS SALLY'S AMBUSH--!
...HERE?
YOU'RE TOO SMART FOR YOUR OWN GOOD.
NOW, NICOLE!
...WHOOPS!
SINCE THE COMMANDER'S SKILL SET DOES NOT INCLUDE "CRYSTALLINE MAGIC," I DON'T BELIEVE HE WILL BE ESCAPING ANY TIME SOON.
THANK YOU, NICOLE. LET'S REGROUP...
...SO WE CAN HANDLE THE BIGGER...


SALLY...!
...THREAT?
I DO NOT ENJOY DOING THAT...
...AN IXIS... YOU'RE AN... SINCE WHEN WERE YOU AN IXIS WIZARD?!
AW, WHAT CAN I SAY, LUV?

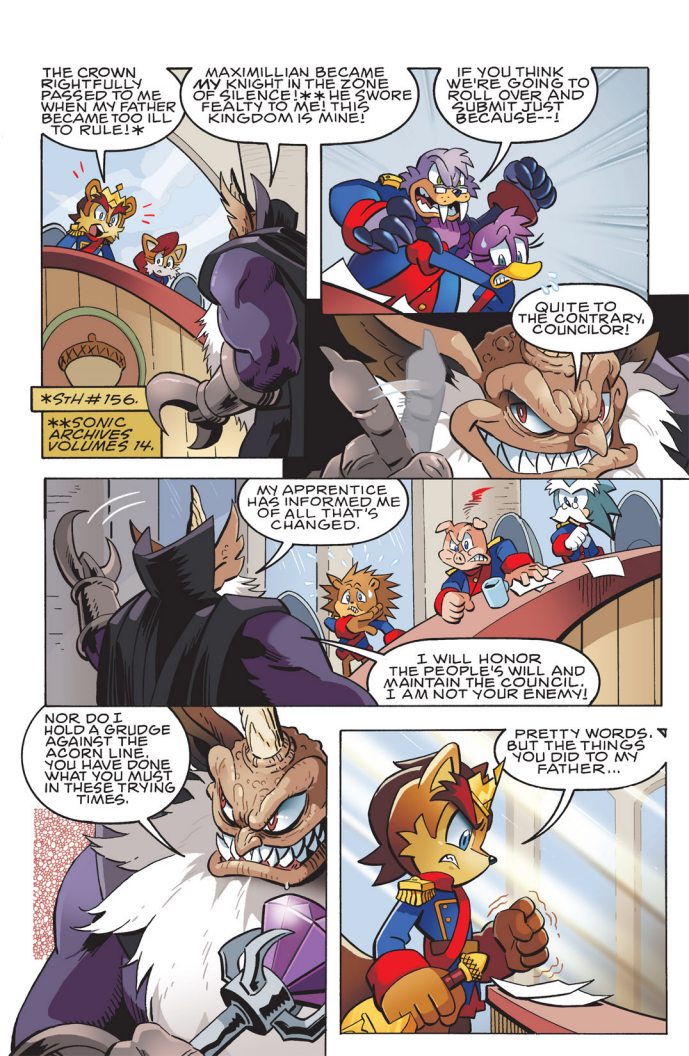
"I'M JUST FULL OF SURPRISES."
MEANWHILE...THE EGGDOME--EGG-MAN'S "ABANDONED" BASE...
SNIVELY! I WANT YOU AND YOUR EGG MOBILE PREPPED AND READY FOR LAUNCH IN TEN MINUTES!
YES, SIR.
I'LL MEET YOU AT THE ZONE GATE. TEN MINUTES!
SIR...
AH, GRANDMASTER LIEN-DA! HOW IS MY FAVORITE PATCHED-TOGETHER LACKEY?
FINE. ALL SYSTEMS ARE FINISHED AND ON-LINE. THE HULL DAMAGE HAS BEEN REPAIRED, AND WE'RE READY FOR LAUNCH...
...PROVIDED YOUR MISSION ACTUALLY SUCCEEDS.
OH, IT WILL.
AND THEN THE REAL FUN BEGINS!

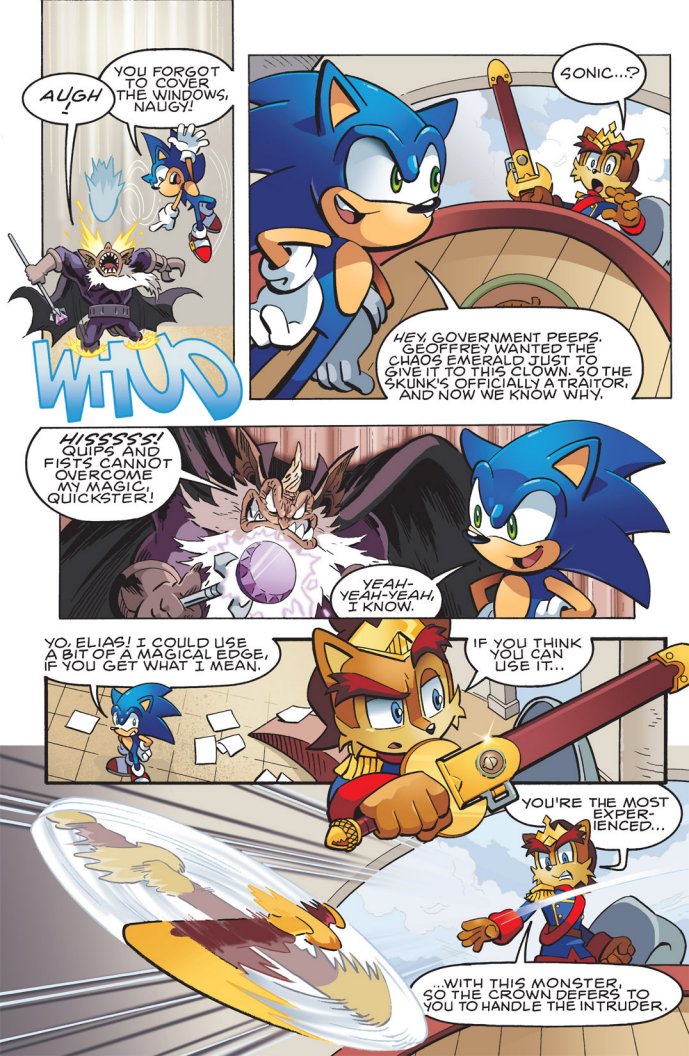
BACK IN NEW MOBOTROPOLIS...
CUT IT OUT WITH THE LAME MAGIC AND FIGHT ME HEDGEHOG-TO-WEIRDO!
GAH!
CRUNCH
AND JUST TO BE SURE WE'RE NOT DISTURBED...
HHHHHA HAHAHA!
STINKIN' RASPIN' UGLY CREEPY --!

...THE MOTION IS PASSED. NOW, AS I PROMISED COUNCILOR ROTOR, WE NEED TO DEBATE THE ISSUE OF NICOLE...
SAVE YOUR DEBATE, FOR THE ANSWER IS HERE!
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCIL OF ACORN...
...TODAY YOU CAN ENACT A GREAT JUSTICE...
...BY GIVING ME THE CROWN AND KINGDOM THAT ARE RIGHTFULLY MINE!


EVERYONE GET CLEAR. WE'LL HANDLE THIS!
LET THEM STAY! OR ARE YOU AFRAID OF THEM HEARING THE TRUTH?
WHAT TRUTH CAN COME FROM A BACK-STABBER LIKE--?!
I'VE *ALWAYS* SERVED MY KING AND COUNTRY.
YOU BLOKES JUST NEVER THOUGHT TO CLARIFY *WHICH* KING!
BUT WITH OLD MOBOTROPOLIS GONE AND THE CROWN SHARING POWER WITH A BLINKIN' COUNCIL, I HAD TO ACT BEFORE THE *RIGHTFUL* KING LOST EVERYTHING!

YOU'RE NOT MAKING ANY SENSE.
YOU JUST DON'T *WANT* ME TO MAKE SENSE, LUV. YOU *KNOW* WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT.
OH, I'VE BEEN AT THIS FOR YEARS. CIRCUM-STANCES JUST FORCED ME TO DROP THE SUBTLETY.
IF ANY OF THIS IS TRUE, WHY HAVEN'T YOU ACTED SOONER?
AND WHAT DOES YOUR *WIFE* HAVE TO SAY ABOUT ALL THIS?
SHE DOESN'T CARE ABOUT MUCH NOW, HERSHEY'S DEAD. SHE'S BEEN DEAD FOR A WHILE.


THE CROWN RIGHTFULLY PASSED TO ME WHEN MY FATHER BECAME TOO ILL TO RULE!*
MAXIMILLIAN BECAME MY KNIGHT IN THE ZONE OF SILENCE!** HE SWORE FEALTY TO ME! THIS KINGDOM IS MINE!
IF YOU THINK WE'RE GOING TO ROLL OVER AND SUBMIT JUST BECAUSE--!
QUITE TO THE CONTRARY, COUNCILOR!
*STH #156.
**SONIC ARCHIVES VOLUMES 14.
MY APPRENTICE HAS INFORMED ME OF ALL THAT'S CHANGED.
I WILL HONOR THE PEOPLE'S WILL AND MAINTAIN THE COUNCIL. I AM NOT YOUR ENEMY!
NOR DO I HOLD A GRUDGE AGAINST THE ACORN LINE. YOU HAVE DONE WHAT YOU MUST IN THESE TRYING TIMES.
PRETTY WORDS. BUT THE THINGS YOU DID TO MY FATHER...


AUGH!
YOU FORGOT TO COVER THE WINDOWS, NAUGY!
WHUD
SONIC...?
HEY, GOVERNMENT PEEPS. GEOFFREY WANTED THE CHAOS EMERALD JUST TO GIVE IT TO THIS CLOWN. SO THE SKUNK'S OFFICIALLY A TRAITOR, AND NOW WE KNOW WHY.
HISSSSS! QUIPS AND FISTS CANNOT OVERCOME MY MAGIC, QUICKSTER!
YEAH-YEAH-YEAH, I KNOW.
YO, ELIAS! I COULD USE A BIT OF A MAGICAL EDGE, IF YOU GET WHAT I MEAN.
IF YOU THINK YOU CAN USE IT...
YOU'RE THE MOST EXPER-IENCED...
...WITH THIS MONSTER, SO THE CROWN DEFERS TO YOU TO HANDLE THE INTRUDER.

YOU CANNOT STAND IN THE WAY OF JUSTICE, QUICKSTER!
C'MERE, UGLY! YOUR BEARD COULD USE A TRIM!
NEXT TIME: SONIC VS. IXIS NAUGUS! GEOFFREY VS. THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS! AND ONE GIANT SURPRISE AS WE GEAR UP FOR ISSUE # 225!
UNTIL THEN, ENJOY SONIC UNIVERSE, THE SONIC ARCHIVES, AND SONIC SELECTS!

SPECIAL ZONE HOUSE CALL
EGGDOME--ZONE PORTAL.
WE ONLY GET ONE SHOT AT THIS, SNIVELY!
YES, SIR.
I MEAN IT!
YES, SIR.
I'M USING EVERY LAST WATT FROM THIS RAGGED CITY TO OPEN THIS PORTAL TO THE SPECIAL ZONE!
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AH! NEW MORTALS HAVE COME TO FEIST'S DOMAIN!
I! IT! WHAT! EEP! NO! WHY! HUGE! HELP!
I SEE IT, SNIVELY. INTERESTING.

SURELY YOU MUST HAVE COME FOR ONE OF FEIST'S EMERALDS! BUT FIRST, YOU MUST COMPETE! WILL YOU RACE EACH OTHER FOR THE GEM?
OH-HO-HO! THAT'S IT? FLY TO THE END AND CLAIM IT? YOU'RE ON!
IF I WON, I COULD TAKE OVER THE WHOLE OPERATION, LEAVE EGG-MAN HERE, AND GO RESCUE...
YOU'RE ON!
THAT'S THE SPIRIT!
A LITTLE BIT OF FUN BEFORE WORLD DOMINATION NEVER HURT ANY-ONE!
YOUR RIVALRY PLEASES FEIST! BEGIN!

WATCH IT, SNIVELY! WE'RE GOING FOR THE SAME THING!
SORRY, UNCLE! MUST BE ALL THAT WEIGHT SLOWING YOU DOWN! HA HA HAHA!
BLAM!
EEEEEE EEEEEK!
MY EMERALD! MY VICTORY!
MWA HAHAHA! IT'S MINE! IT'S MINE!
INDEED. NOW YOU FACE A CHOICE!
NOTHING IS EVER SIMPLE...

YOU ARE ALLOWED TO BRING *ONE* BACK! WHICH WILL YOU CHOOSE? YOUR COMRADE, OR THE...
THE CHAOS EMERALD, OBVIOUSLY. HAND IT OVER SO I CAN GO HOME.
WHAT?!
BRILLIANT! SIMPLY MAGNIFICENT! AND IT'S "SONIC BLUE," FITTINGLY ENOUGH!
AND SINCE NO ONE DENIES DR. EGGMAN ANYTHING...

NOW THEN, TINY MORTAL. WHAT SHALL FEIST DO WITH YOU?
WHAT --?
VOIP!
RRRRRAAAAAAAAAGH!!!
VOIP!
AND THAT'S WHY I CONQUER WORLDS AND YOU LOSE (WHATEVER YOU WERE).
QUIT LYING ABOUT, SNIVELY! IT'S TIME TO GET THIS SHOW ON THE ROAD!
WHAT SINISTER PLAN DOES DR. EGGMAN HAVE UP HIS SLEEVE? IS IT CONNECTED TO THE HUGE EVENTS OF SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #225? FIND OUT NEXT TIME!

SONIC-GRAMS FAN ART

SONIC ARCHIVES VOL.14 PRESENTS:

the "SONIC VERSUS..." ART CONTEST WINNERS!

The winners seen here each receive a copy of SONIC ARCHIVES vol.0! Thanks to everyone who entered, and keep them eyes peeled to the Sonic Blogs @ www.archiecomics.com for more cool art contests!

Brittany M. from Texas

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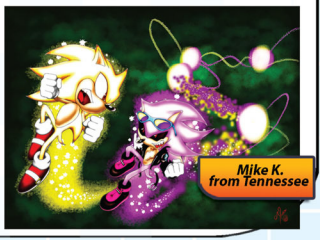

Mike K. from Tennessee

OFF PANEL

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WAH-HA-HA-HA! AT LAST! WITH THE POWER OF THIS GEM MY PREPARATIONS ARE COMPLETE!
TRANSFORMACION!
NOW TO DEFEAT THE HEDGEHOG IN THE RING OF HONOR!
EL GRAN GORDO
EL GRAN GORDO - AWAY! WHOOSH!
I'M SORRY YOU HAD TO SEE THIS. HE'S STILL RECOVERING FROM THAT BREAKDOWN IN #200.

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LETTERS

DUE TO THE OVERWHELMING AMOUNT OF FAN RESPONSE IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO REPLY TO EACH FAN. SPACE LIMITATIONS MAY REQUIRE SOME PRINTED LETTERS TO BE EDITED. ALL YOUR LETTERS ARE APPRECIATED!

Dear Sonic-Grams,
I'm a huge Sonic fan but I'm also an even bigger fan of Knuckles.

I love Knuckles too! Did you read his latest epic adventure in Sonic Universe's arc#3: "Echoes of the Past"?! It was awesome! Plus he got to fight Dr. Finitevus, who's a MAJOR baddie in the Sonic U!

While I was pleased to hear about the release of the Knuckles Archives graphic novels, I feel the need to begin the rallying cry for Rad Red, the excellent echidna, the gallant guardian himself, to once again have his own regular series. So I urge my fellow Knuckleheads to write in and make their voices heard!

Sincerely, J.R.
from Ontario, CANADA

Hey! You beat me to that Knuckles Archives plug! Well, J.R., you never know what's coming down the line -- and while I can't say that a new Knuckles ongoing series is likely to happen anytime soon -- if enough fans write in, we shall see!

Dear Sonic-Grams & Tracy Yardley!,
I have been a fan of you and of the Sonic the Hedgehog and Sonic Universe comics for a long time!

Tracy says hi! He's currently drawing Sonic Universe #29 AND an upcoming issue of STH at the moment!

Congratulations on the 200th issue of STH!

Thanks! Sonic+gigantic robot spider+Eggman's complete mental breakdown= comic book GOLD!

Out of the 223 Sonic the Hedgehog comics you have so far I have only missed one, number 200.

Gah! Spoiler alert!

Tracy, you are so great at drawing and I'm looking forward to many more years of Yardley-Sonic goodness! I also have some questions for you:
1) Are you guys ever going to bring back Manic and Sonia, Sonic's brother and sister? They are my favorite hedgehogs.

Wow - I had NO idea there were this many Manic and Sonia fans out there from the "Sonic Underground" TV show! Well they won't be showing up in the comics -- HOWEVER -- we have our very own Manic and Sonia characters! Check out Sonic Universe's arc#2: "30 Years Later"!

2) Is Tommy turtle really gone?

Which time? (lol yes he's toast)

3) Are Nicole and Espio in love?

Is a hologram capable of "love"? She certainly seems capable of emotion in some form or another! Write in and tell us what you think!

4) What happened to Amy Rose in the "30 Years Later" arc?

Good question!

I hope you write back.
Sincerely yours, Mary Lee F. from Ohio

Thanks for writing in, Mary Lee!

Dear Sonic-Grams,
What happened to you guys? I sent a letter to you and for some strange reason you never replied back. Anyway, on to some questions about Sonic. Now, who wants a chili dog? What happened to Dulcy? You never hear about her during the Iron Dominion. Also, will we ever be seeing Tails' uncle Merlin?

Michael M. from Illinois

In short, we try to respond personally to all letters but given the volume of letters we get each month we don't always get to everyone. In fact, at this very moment, there is a rather large stack of Sonic fan mail about to fall on and bury Vin the intern!

To answer your questions: Dulcy will make a brief appearance in one form or another soon, and Merlin is part of the NEO-WALKERS!

See ya next month!

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THE FINAL STOP ON THE ROAD TO 225!
AS IXIS NAUGUS AND SONIC SLUG IT OUT, DR. EGGMAN RETURNS WITH A RATHER LARGE TRICK UP HIS SLEEVE!
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